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WASHINGTON (AP) - CIA Director George Bush made a last-minute appeal today to the Senate Intelligence Committee to withhold disclosure of CIA budget figures.

Bush declined to say whether he was successful.

He testified at a closed session hours before the committee planned to make public its report on CIA overseas operations. The committee has voted 8-3 to release the budget figure.

After testifying, Bush told newsmen that his position remained "that we ought not to make budget figures public." The agency contends that disclosure of the budget would harm national security.

Bush's predecessor, William E. Colby, denied last month a commonly-used figure of \$750 million as the agency's annual budget.

Asked about other disclosures that might be in the committee's report, Bush said: "There are things we will not be happy with."

"They (committee members) don't want a CIA stamp of approval on their report and they're not going to get it," he added.

Bush said he would read the report "very carefully" but would not respond point-by-point to what it says.

"Let this committee express its will and let us simply go about our business," he said.

Atty. Gen. Edward M. Levi also met with the committee in what one source said was an attempt to alter the panel's recommendations that call for stiffer new restrictions on electronic surveillance.

Those recommendations, which this source said would permit domestic wiretaps only in cases involving criminal conduct, are expected to be made public later this week as part of a separate committee report on domestic intelligence operations.

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